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### **SIDEBAR: HEALTH PROGRAM SEEKS MINORITY APPLICANTS**

#### **MISSOULA--**

Individuals interested in pursuing a health career are invited to apply for next summer's Health Careers Opportunity Program at The University of Montana.

HCOP participants receive six weeks of intensive academic instruction designed to prepare them for acceptance into and success in a professional health program. The program's curriculum is focused on Montana Indians, although students from all recognized minorities are encouraged to apply.

To cover their expenses, participants receive a stipend of \$1,680, as well as reimbursement for round-trip travel costs. HCOP is funded through a grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Based at UM's School of Pharmacy and Allied Health Sciences, it is one of more than 200 similar programs across the country.

Students are not required to attend UM after completing HCOP, nor must they commit to a specific career or to working in Montana.

Applicants must have completed their junior year in high school and should have a grade-point average of at least 2.5. Participant selection is based on a combination of essays, letters of recommendation, academic performance and personal history. Applications for next

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year's program must be postmarked by March 1, 2001.

Application packets and more information are available online at [www.umt.edu/hcop/](http://www.umt.edu/hcop/);  
by contacting Linda Osler, project coordinator, UM Health Careers Opportunity Program,  
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